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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Iran SIG Meeting of July 21, 1981

The attached paper received from the Joint Chiefs of Staff provides argument in support of a dissenting position proposed after the July 21 SIG meeting on Iran policy. The State Department will not renew here all the arguments made in the SIG. However, OVP, State, NSC, OSD, and CIA, concluded that U.S. efforts to discourage third country transfers of non-U.S. origin arms would have only a marginal effect on the conduct and outcome of the war, but could increase opportunities for the Soviets to take advantage of Iran's security concerns and to persuade Iran to accept Soviet military assistance.

No participating agency at the SIG argued in favor of arms transfers, as implied in paragraph 5 of the JCS document, nor did any agency argue in favor of "deliberate U.S. action to encourage an increase in arms supply to Iran," as implied in paragraph 6 of the JCS document. These paragraphs are JCS formulations that do not reflect the argument of the SIG majority against the position JCS endorses.

The Department of State submits the JCS memorandum in full to the NSC for its consideration, but recommends that the NSC proceed with the NSDD as endorsed by the July 21 SIG majority.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
As stated.

cc: OVP - Mrs. N. Dyke
DOD - Mr. J. Rixse
CIA - Mr. T. Cormack
JCS - LTG Paul Gormann

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